

Please delete the paragraph on page 8, lines 25-26, and replace it with the following paragraph:

C<sup>2</sup> Figure 28 shows a comparison between Arabidopsis ε-cyclase (SEQ ID NO: 49) and lettuce ε-cyclase (SEQ ID NO: 52) predicted amino acid sequences.

**REMARKS**

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 108172-00022.**

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